ORNITHOLOGY

Museum Airfield

Journal

NO 1.

Aug. 1961.

Sent Burt last batch
to Fremont Creek.

All Botanical
Specimens collected
pt 1–157 donated to
N.M. Herb 7-9-41
Total ca 9 sp

A. R. McEvoy.
Bird Room
Nat. Museum of Wales

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N/B

Airfield Bird Hazard.

Notes

Bird Notes on the following pages have been indexed in 6 pre-war 3x5 indix.

N/B → only items with "V" so indexed

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21 - 50

Questions

1. Are birds regularly present on or over airfield?
2. What species or types?
3. Usual behaviour of birds on airfield?
4. Daily/seasonal fluctuations in numbers?
5. Do any birds constitute a hazard? What species
6. What exactly is the bird problem on this drome?
7. Frequency of strikes?
8. Manner of strikes?
9. Reasons for birds presence on airfield: What food present etc?
10. Factors of airfield environs causing attractions to birds? eg rubbish dump, meat works, grass fires, swamps?
11. Outstanding features or changes of landscape within say 50-100 miles. eg swamp, bush-belt etc
12. What species known to breed on or near drome?
13. What steps already taken on general lines? Results?
14. Have you any ideas - however fantastic

. ow control of or deterrent to birds?

15. Is there any staff member interested in birds?

16. Would you advise me if any such persons employed here in Rakaia?

17 Is there anyone with knowledge of trees, plants? I could speak to on lake with mel moving drama curtain?

18 ~~Send~~ details of

Give: (a) Details of what has + despatch of plans

(b) My name + address —

Stress comments welcome —

"open forum" idea

For observation

1. List species seen - numbers & notes on - dates &c'

2. Study behaviour of species on oilfields

3. Record habitat surrounding drome + photograph typical sections

4. If possible make ca 20 mile circuit of drome & make closer study of habitat

Field Work on Northern Airfields
Aug 1961.

Aug 7th Mon.

12.00 Dept Melb. Fine - one cloud
13. - over Sydney
15.15 over Brisbane

Country:

Melb. to Brisbane - able to look from window only part way. all (tall) woodland, eucalypt forest, savannah grass lands but noticeably broken under vegetation on approach to Brisbane

5

At Brisbane met by Mr Mowbray (DCA) Superintendent (Airports Branch)

Discussion re questions - Brisbane

1 Occasionally

2 Hawks, Gulls, Nankeens - Yes (but all members

3 Some gave feeding - some perhaps did

4 — No — but Gulls. Storm Petrels. Doubtful — not reason - probably on perch at other places

5 No.

6 —

7 Very rare

8 — (Probably at landing

9 Gulls perched — Storm nothing to observe

7

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Township

12:30 - o/b. [illegible] luggage.

15:45

19

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12. Burned Plowed

13

14

15

black [illegible] over

abbatoirs between town

[illegible]

gravelly

one of two Black Kites [illegible]

[illegible] Mr Hunston

[illegible] feet [illegible]

[illegible]

8 —

9 —

10

11 —

12 No

13 Shotgun - unpermitted use

14

15 —

16 ✓

Note actually, on one of these white areas a bear

Sing—
Ink plus
✓ Northern Pearl
Northern
✓ Black
acacia Sand
+ Tall

5.

57

We are back 1720 — 40
timber [illegible]
[illegible] SW NW are [illegible]

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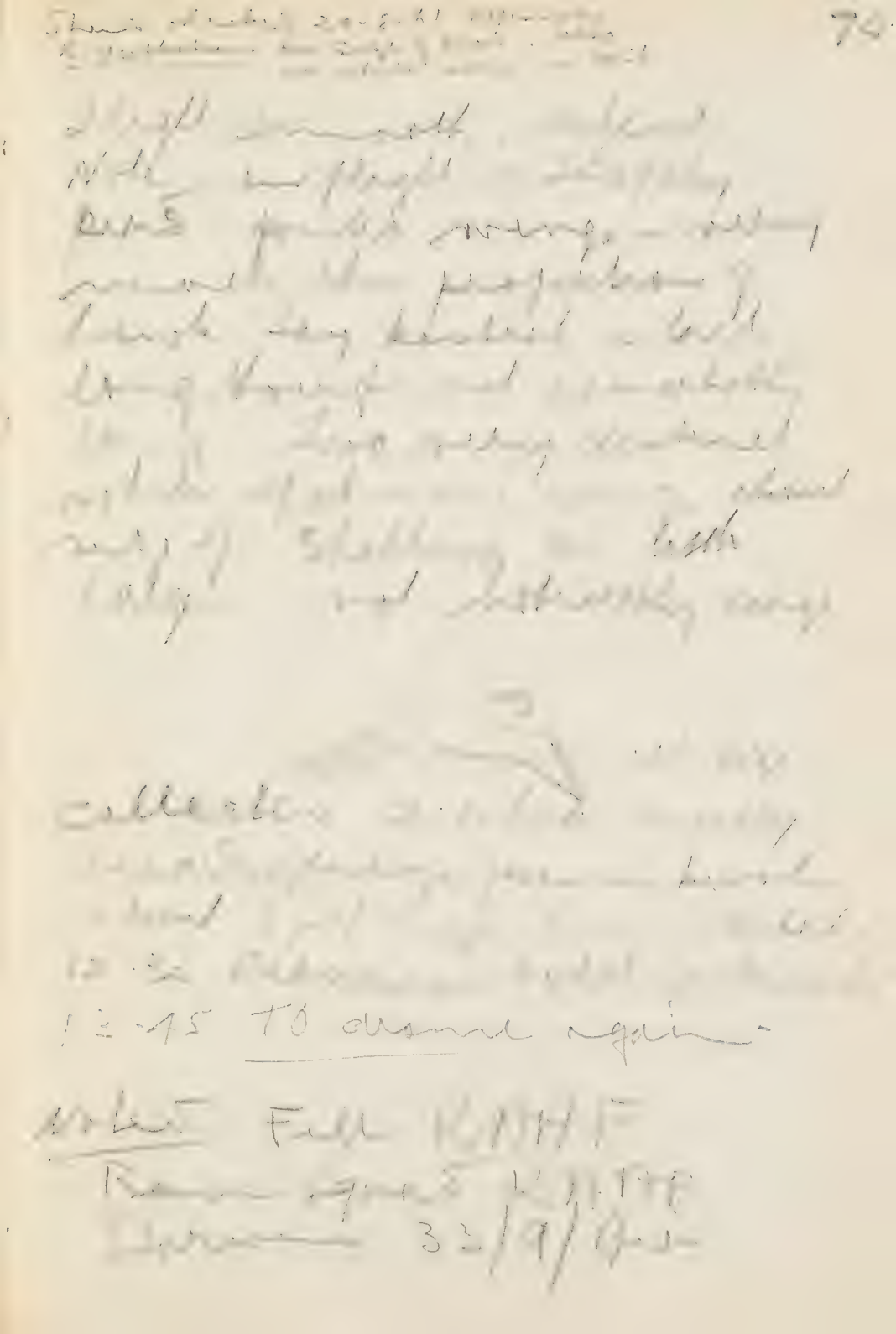

see Shadows and Fire Hall
a ... to Illumine
penetrating eclipse
plumage

94

Night 12

[illegible]

Mon

0530 arrived 7 NH

1879

Trees. Shrubs

Acacia

Eucalyptus

225

Back to Hotel

1 Yes

DCH/OIC

14. —

15 —

16 ✓

17 —

MN Doherty

5. No

1205

L. Coppinger

coming closer to them.
Large numbers of fish
there continually
- enormous supply
food. We had a fishing
- keeping plenty of fish
for the whole party. It was also
amusing to see the eagles
on the shore waiting
- for us to throw them fish. We
- saw a lot of the Esquimaux
population. We are all
very to influence but a
continual changing
population.
Also made visit to No 2
camp to see
- Kangerdlugssuaq being settled
- by the Esquimaux - not
same - back soon
now as the 2nd lot
of things were a bad -

[illegible]

Thoughts

1 [illegible]

2 [illegible]

3 [illegible]

4 [illegible]

Questions & Answers for

Shots

1 Do they vaccinate [illegible] confirmingly, stating [illegible] knows for a long [illegible] - Yes

2 [illegible] - Yes

3 Are firing a many shots as required to remove birds - Yes

[illegible]

Mr V. H [illegible]

[illegible]

4 [illegible]

5 [illegible]

6 [illegible]

7 [illegible]

8 [illegible]

[illegible]

175

- 6 -

unofficial

To be mentioned to D.C.A.:-

(a) Experiments on Exp. a with strippers beads & other parts & detail - particulars re interference with experimental programme on time &c by same - Arrangements thereof &c.

(b) Completion - by 3 weeks
- his consent with
- date of
- with [illegible]

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Tailside. Meals. £. s. d.

Notes - Expenditure etc.

1 After Darwin - Myself only if necessary

2 Exp. only expenses for meals & rest in accommodation meals

3 Hotel accommodation

Townsville	-	Queens Hotel	B+B
Charters Towers	-	Excelsior	
Mt Isa	-	Argent	
Darwin	-	Transcontinental	£21-15-9 3 days
Tennant Crk	-	T.C. Hotel	£3-10 1 day
Alice Springs	-	Overseas	
Cloncurry	-	Astra	

£42-15-8

1-0-4

3-16-0

August 7th	Flight/s 454/462	Melbourne/Townsville	Dep. 1200pm Arr. 7.10pm
August 8th	" 468,	Townsville/Charters Towers	Dep. 2.20pm Arr. 2.50pm
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August 17th	" A/ANA 135,	Alice Springs/Broken Hill	Dep. 7.00am Arr. 10.20am
August 18th	" A/ANA 131,	Broken Hill/Melbourne	Dep. 12 noon Arr. 3.10pm